

# LOCAL I-S NEWS

*for department store workers*

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## Stewards Ready To Discuss Role In Union Program

More than 100 Shop Stewards from Herald Square, Jamaica, Parkchester, White Plains and Flatbush have already reported that they will be at the all-day conference to be held on Tuesday, September 26th at the Hotel Martinique.

Many of the Stewards, mindful of President Sam Kovenetsky's declaration that, "our Union won substantial cost of living increases during the life of previous contracts and there is nothing to stop us from doing so again" have expressed the hope that the coming conference will provide the occasion for amplification of the Union's thinking on this vital subject.

Local I-S has already placed its charges of "unfair labor practices" against the AFL and Ludwig Baumann before the National Labor Relations Board. The Shop Stewards will be asked to consider and discuss organizational means of assuring final victory there and in other campaigns to be undertaken by the Local. A tightening of the Union's entire grievance apparatus will be placed on the agenda and full participation is expected in the talks on ways and means of guaranteeing the processing of all grievances however small. Emphasizing the importance of this point President Kove-

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Some members of victorious 12 Department cool off after a hot session. All department members had walked off floor in protest against company stalling settlement of grievance.

## Dance Tickets Go Fast As Members Hit Upbeat

Beautiful gals and handsome guys of the Dance Committee plus hundreds of Shop Stewards are literally swarming through the store to make sure that every Union member has his ticket for the Local I-S Dance on Saturday, October 14 at the Hotel Commodore.

The calico crowd and the gown gals have been humming their favorite tunes and drawing up lists of "special requests" for the bands and the square dance caller on the big night.

While members of the Dance Committee are definitely not the wolfish type they say with great confidence that there just won't be any wallflowers decorating the swank Commodore Ballroom.

Everybody is promised a wonderful time in support of a wonderful cause. Tickets are priced at only \$1.50, tax included, and all proceeds will go to the Local I-S Welfare Fund for aid to sick and needy Union members.

## WORKERS BOIL OVER WHEN HEAT HITS HIGH

In a dramatic Saturday noontime demonstration against the poor cooling system and management's apparent indifference towards their problem twenty union members in the Toy (12) Department walked off the floor demanding action on their grievance before they would return to their jobs.

### 1-S Files Case Against AFL

With a briefcase full of carefully documented charges of bribes and intimidation President Sam Kovenetsky and Local I-S attorney Sam Shapiro filed the Union's claim of "unfair labor practices" against Local 11115E, AFL Retail Clerks and the management of Ludwig Baumann.

Even the most hardened observers were shocked as the workers recited case after case of threats against their jobs. One Local I-S member reported that he was given a "two days to make up your mind" ultimatum and was menacingly told that he had better decide in favor of the AFL — or else!

Steadfastly resisting the pres-

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### NEW! OFFICIAL LOCAL I-S EMBLEM

Every Union member should own and wear one of these smartly designed lapel pins in blue and gold. Emblems come with either safety catch bar pin or screw back.

LET THE WORLD KNOW YOU BELONG TO LOCAL I-S. BUY YOUR EMBLEM TODAY — ONLY 70 CENTS AT THE UNION OFFICE

## Welfare Board Aids Union Needy

The Welfare Board and the Welfare Fund of Local I-S both have an important job to do in giving direct assistance to needy Union members and in giving comfort to the ill or bereaved. Proceeds from the dance to be held on October 14th will enable the Welfare Board to continue its excellent and necessary work.

In less than one year the Board has sent more than 270 gifts, including books, flowers, toilet water and cigarettes to bedridden union members. More than 500 "get well" or Mass cards were sent to members or their families.

Two hundred twenty three emergency loans totalling \$9105 were made to members in finan-

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For more than a week discussions had been held which involved Shop Steward Dorothy Quinlan, Divisional Superintendent Edward Castro and company representatives from the labor relations office. The problem seemed to have been solved when Labor Relations chief Fred Fischer proposed that Steward Quinlan call Mr. Castro if the floor's temperature became uncomfortable.

With the thermometer soaring to a hot 92 degrees the Superintendent answered the complaint by saying — It's not too hot! Union officials again moved in and tried to get a promise that the situation would be remedied quickly. When these efforts still failed to produce a solution to the problem the officials advised management that they were leaving the situation in the hands of the members of the department.

Obviously inspired by the similar revolt staged in the sub-basement, the men and women in the fifth floor department boiled over at the same time the thermometer did. Every one of them walked off

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## How Your Credit Union Works

While deposits in the Local I-S Credit Union are climbing steadily many questions have been asked about the way the Credit Union works. In the following article we will attempt to answer some of these queries.

**WHO MAY BELONG?** Membership in the Credit Union is open to all members of Local I-S and members of their family living under the same roof.

**WHAT IS THE SMALLEST DEPOSIT THAT CAN BE MADE?** Payment of a 25 cent application fee plus a 25 cent down-payment on a share will open your account. A full share is worth \$5.

**WHAT IS A "SHARE"?** Each \$5 of your savings represents a share in the Credit Union. Annual dividends will be paid on the number of "shares" you own.

**ARE MY SHARES PROTECTED?** The Local I-S Credit Union operates under a Federal government charter and is subject to the government regulations and inspections designed to fully protect your money.

**CAN MY SHARES BE SOLD?** You can liquidate your holdings

in the Credit Union simply by withdrawing your money at any time you wish to do so.

**HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?** You can join the Credit Union by filling out an application card and making a minimum payment of 50 cents. The Credit Union Board of Directors reviews and passes on all applications.

**WHO RUNS THE CREDIT UNION?** A Board of Directors, a Credit Committee and a Supervisory Committee, elected by the shareholders, is responsible for the operation of the Credit Union. Members to these committees are elected annually.

**WHO MAY BORROW FROM THE CREDIT UNION?** Any member of the Credit Union may apply for a loan simply by filling out an application for loan form. All applications are reviewed by the Credit Committee.

**HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET A LOAN?** If the Credit Committee approves your application you can expect to receive your loan about a week after you make application.

**WHAT IS THE INTEREST RATE ON A LOAN?** At the present time an interest rate of 1% per month on the unpaid balance of your loan will be charged. As the reserves of the Credit Union are built up, this rate may go down.

**WHAT INTEREST IS PAID ON SHARES?** At the end of a year the Board of Directors will vote on the size of the dividend to be paid. The amount will depend on the "profit" made by the Credit Union during that year.

**HOW DO I JOIN?** Application cards are available at the Union office for members working in Herald Square. Branch Store Administrators have cards for members in the outlying areas. "Collectors" will be named in all the stores in the very near future. The collectors will be a bonded and will be able to accept your deposits or loan payments and deliver them to the Credit Union.

The Credit Union is *your* bank. For constructive savings and friendly consideration of your needs — join the Local I-S Credit Union.



My name is Carmen Fossé and I work in 64 Department. I'm going to the Union's Welfare Fund Dance at the Hotel Commodore on October 14th because I like a good time. But more than that, I like to feel that I'm doing something to help those who need a hand. I'm mighty proud of my Union and glad to have a chance to help and have fun at the same time. I'm going to be an official greeter, or something, and sure look forward to seeing lots of familiar faces. Be sure to come to the dance!



## BRANCH STORE NEWS

### PARKCHESTER



Georgine Staib

and familiar faces . . . Lots of people up here are saying that after everything the Union has done for them no stone is going to be left unturned to guarantee a 100% turnout for the dance on the 14th of October. We've decided that we are NOT too old to have a good time — so you can look for us at the Commodore — in full force . . . Too many stewards are forgetting the importance of writing up their grievances before sending them in to management. It should be remembered that the business of writing them up is for OUR benefit. It means that we have to really hit hard at the problems and not allow the company any room to squirm out of them. Our Stewards will be at the all-day conference and we're looking forward to an even stronger organization than we have now.

### WHITE PLAINS

Keith Toucey and Joe Travis of W12 and Ray Rush of W3 have all volunteered for the Armed Forces. We are really sorry to see them go and we wish them the very best of luck . . . Hilda Proctor sent her thanks to the reporters who have been pinch-hitting for her during her month long illness. We all hope that she'll be back with us in the best of health . . . George Francis, after having his grievance taken all the way to the third step, has finally won a promotion to a selling job. Others promoted were: Fred Ernst, from Infants Stock to selling in Bulk Toys and Luggage; Agnes Carroll, from Sportswear to Better Dresses; Elsie Clarke, from Bedspreads and Drapes to Upholstery; Jacob Heatley, from Porter to Bulk Packer. We wish all of them the best of luck on their new jobs and hope that other promotions will follow soon . . . Oscar Carter, one of our top-notch Shop Stewards and Negotiators has resigned from the store to go back to college for his degree. One measure of Oscar's success was the respect he won from all his co-workers and from management. We will miss him, but we take our hats off to him for having made a tough, but right, decision . . . The Credit Union promises to be a big thing up here — shaded for the moment only by the dance!

### JAMAICA



Ben Calabrese

That beaming expression on Murray Rimland's face could be because his new pride and joy—kitchen furniture—looks so glamorous these days. But that's NOT the reason! The fact is that the future Mrs. Rimland said "yes" to a wedding in March! Congratulations, Murray! . . . Violet Bell's recent promotion is healing a longstanding grievance . . . Best of luck to you in your new job . . . The new Credit Union is being very warmly welcomed here in Jamaica. Mary Edwards (J4), George Polakoff (J2) and Sal Trezza (J6) have been elected by the stewards to serve as the Jamaica Credit Union Committee. All would-be financiers or applicants for loans can join up through them . . . We were very sorry to learn that Manny Goodman's health necessitates his resigning from the Union's Executive Board. We are sure it's going to be hard to fill your shoes, Manny — and we do hope you feel much better very soon . . . The Beauty Salon (J14) has just approved a new sick leave plan after long negotiations. One feature they are all pleased with is the fact that a committee, appointed by the Union members, will service the plan. The men and women of the department have promised each other that the plan will not be abused, which will mean that everyone will continue to enjoy its full benefits.

### FLATBUSH

Vera Nordstrom's (Flying Squad) husband was hit by a car last week. He was released from the hospital after an examination showed no major damage . . . Helen McGrath's father died last week. We're truly sorry, Helen . . . The hobby club here is again dressing dolls for Christmas gifts for orphaned girls. The boys will get tool chests. Our belated condolences to Dorothy Gabbe (F4) on the loss of her mother . . . Congratulations to Marion Vaccaro of the Pattern Department and Ray Malappo of the Stock Department on their engagement — we all look forward to dancing at the wedding . . . Dave Markowitz, formerly of Men's Furnishings is celebrating his promotion to the Shoe Department . . . Jack Jampole, after an unusually long nine months, is finally the proud father of a BBB (Bouncing Baby Boy — silly) . . . Congratulations, Jack and see that he grows up to be a good Union man . . . Money is rapidly coming into the Credit Union . . . which proves that most people know a good thing when they see it. Here's a chance to save and borrow to meet whatever needs may come up — and we're all among friends . . . Lots of enthusiasm for the coming Stewards Conference. We all remember the ones that went before and look forward to this one on the 26th.



Hilda Proctor



Rhea Sabran

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

To the Editor:

Just received my copy of the Local 1-S NEWS, and want to express sincere thanks for same. I enjoy reading it because it is in black and white, and not the smallest color of red in it. One article did interest me a lot, "Union Voice Hides The Facts."

Can we really expect an apology from the editors of Union Voice, for their obviously misleading articles. I don't think we will get one. As a Local 1-S member, I am satisfied with what Local 1-S has done for me to date. I cannot expect everything and as time goes on I know that Local 1-S will do all that it can to assist me, and other members, to go forward.

Union Voice to me is a paper not worth reading. And I quote from the article in the Local 1-S NEWS, "We don't like to knock the next guy, but we also don't like to be called a kettle by a pot." So, Union Voice, stick on your side of the fence. The more you talk the less sense you make.

Very truly,  
George Mueller  
Jamaica Shoe Dept.

To the Editor:

Though a bit late, I am writing to thank the Union for the check I recently received to cover my surgeon's bill. Your promptness was appreciated and I gladly praise the Union's Health Plan.

Sincerely,  
Edna Robbins

To the Editor:

Still under doctor's care I wish to express to the Union and your associates in the BLOOD BANK my very sincere thanks for the generous donation of blood at a time when my life was indeed rapidly ebbing. Many, many thanks!

I wish to use this opportunity also to thank you for the assistance you so freely gave my wife in regard to the functioning of the BLUE CROSS plan, which was of great help to us throughout my two months of hospitalization.

Finally, and somewhat in parenthesis, I feel obliged to mention that the medical, surgical and nursing care which I received at Kings County Hospital was in every respect simply superb.

Very sincerely,  
William Wallstedt

### MEDICAL PLAN DETAILS COMING SOON IN BOOKLET

The Welfare Board of Local 1-S, in conjunction with the Associated Physicians Medical Group has announced that a booklet is being prepared which will give Union members the detailed workings of the recently approved Medical Plan.

The new publication will include such valuable information as the Medical Plan fees for home and office visits; details of the Specialist Care plan worked out by the Union and much other data of value to all Union members.

Surgical care is now fully insured under the triple protection won by the Union. Medical Plan surgeons, including some of the finest in the field, are now paid entirely by the Union-won Group Health Plan, while the Local's Hospitalization Plan pays nearly all hospital bills in full. The booklets will be available within the next few weeks.



Georgette De Luze says, "I'm going to the Dance — How about you?"

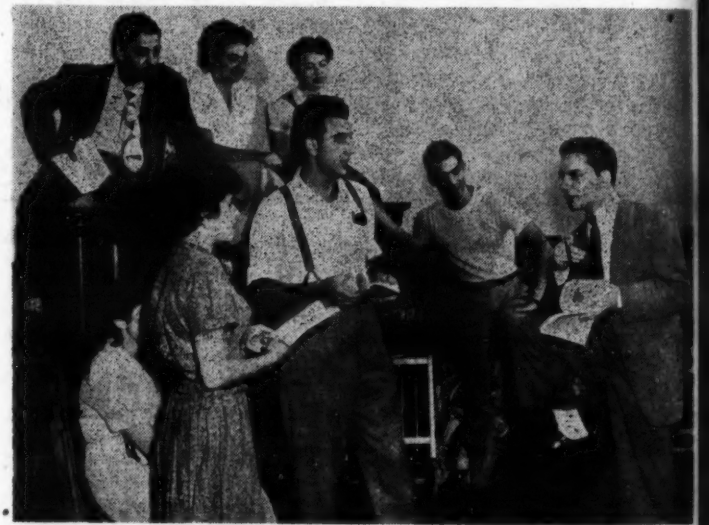
### Union Fight Wins Promotion

A Union battle against suspected discrimination in White Plains was won when management finally conceded George Francis' right to a selling job.

George Francis, an early 1-S stalwart, challenged his being bypassed for promotional jobs and charged that because he was a Negro his work and his ability wasn't being fairly and objectively evaluated.

Union officials took up and pressed his case. He was finally brought to Herald Square for an un-prejudiced interview and as a result won a promotion from his stock job to selling.

Said George Francis, "I'm glad I won and I thank the Union. This



Casting tryouts for "Our Town" brought aspiring actors and actresses flocking to the Union office. The play is now in rehearsal.

### Herald Square Players Rehearsing "Our Town"

More than 35 hopefuls turned out to try for parts in the Herald Square Players coming production of the Pulitzer Prize winning play "Our Town."

Jack Paritz, director of the group, was very pleased with the turnout and said, "many of the men and women who reported for our casting sessions have summer-stock and off-Broadway acting experience. It is true that we are an amateur theatrical group, but we can be sure of maintaining the high standards of theater most people want when they go to see a play."

The Herald Square Players originally worked in cooperation with Macy management in exchange for which they had the use of the store's Little Theater. The group is now surveying several of the small theatres available to determine which will best meet their needs.

Among its previous outstand-

### 1-S Files . . .

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sure being maintained by the AFL, 1-S members in Ludwig Baumann applauded their Union leaflet given to all workers immediately after the election. Under the heading, "On to Victory" the leaflet said in part, "No one thinks 1115E is any better today than it was before the election. No one has given up the hope of winning with Local 1-S for a fair deal. Only 15 more votes for Local 1-S and we would have given the AFL the gate! We will get those votes and many more. We are going on to victory. We will win with Local 1-S!"

Said George Gurian, Local 1-S Vice President and Director of Organization, "From the very start of this campaign we have worked to overcome an AFL-management conspiracy of long standing. Our initial successes have been tremendous. The AFL publicly predicted that we would not be able to get more than 35 votes. Instead, we lost the first round of this fight by a very narrow margin. We are working now towards having this election set aside because of the abuses by both the AFL and the company. We are confident that given the right to choose freely, a majority of the Ludwig Baumann workers will choose Local 1-S."

is just a little more proof of what a strong Union and a good contract can accomplish."

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## Congressional Threats Stirring Labor To Action

In a speech that was grimly reminding of the dark days of German Nazism, John Rankin, Representative from the State of Mississippi gave support to the Wood-McCarran subversive registration bill by declaring that "White gentiles are threatened by Jewish Communists." In the same speech he laid bare the intent of such legislation by declaring that *real* Americans, including members of the German-American Bund and the Silver Shirts, were "persecuted" when they were tried for sedition in 1944.

Two days following Rankin's tirade President Truman spoke out clearly and announced his intention of vetoing the Bill if it should pass the Senate. The President said that the McCarran Bill was in reality the old Mundt-Nixon Bill revised by Senator McCarran and made a little worse. Mr. Truman reminded reporters that in 1948 he had said he would not sign any Bill like the Mundt-Nixon Bill. The same thing, he said, applied to the McCarran version.

The atmosphere of hysteria and witch hunting was highlighted when Republican Floor Leader Wherry, implying subversive intent on the part of the President, declared, "This threat of veto is a reason why we should pass the McCarran Bill. I am convinced that we must clean out these Communists, and we need the McCarran Bill to do the job."

### Real Effect of Bills

While Communists and their "front organizations" are the avowed target of all registration bills thus far submitted, the language of each has been as broad as a dragnet and could, without alteration, be applied to trade unions, church groups or individuals whose programs favor liberal reforms not supported by the party in power.

Freedom to criticize and disagree would virtually disappear under the terms of any of the proposed laws, since it would require little more than labelling an opponent "red" in order to invoke any of their catch-all provisions.

Best illustration of the hidden purposes to which such a law could be put was the pointed question asked by a member of the Congress when the Brotherhood of Railroad Switchmen struck for higher wages in August. He said, while we are assured that there are no Communists in the leadership of the Union "can we be sure that this strike is not Communist-inspired?" It should be apparent, therefore, that any trade union fight for better conditions would immediately be suspect and that with a "subversive registration law" on the books it would be all too easy for the anti-labor forces of any and all legitimate Unions which persist in trying to raise wages and improve working standards.

President Truman and his Attorney General have repeatedly

said that the Government had all the laws and police power needed to guard the country's best interests. The Attorney General has said time and again that no such registration bill could be drafted which would be constitutional. Despite these authoritative statements continued efforts are being made to get around the basic safeguards of liberty written into the Constitution in order to head off the power drive of any group.

### Freedom At Stake

The President has shown some sign of weakening under the steady pressure of those favoring a registration law. He has remained silent about the recently proposed Kilgore Bill under which members of the Communist Party and "other organizations and political parties" would be rounded up in concentration camps at any time that the President declares an "internal security emergency." Senator Mundt himself said that he would not support this measure because it is "Police state legislation."

Still unheard from are the people themselves. Although such national organizations as the CIO, AFL and many church and fraternal groups have strongly asserted their opposition, little has been heard from the grass roots of America.

Much of the fire and brimstone which marked labor's earlier crusades for or against important legislation has been missing from its recent campaigns. One explanation advanced is that too militant action is the hallmark of the "left." In the face of persistent attacks on labor many militant middle-of-the-road leaders are taking renewed interest in genuine political action.

### President Kovenetsky's Views

In a recent interview Local 1-S President Sam Kovenetsky said, "We all know that our Union was never a 'Communist' Union. But we can all recall the days when huge delegations of 1-S members descended on their congressmen in Washington to make their views and desires known. One of the biggest blunders we, along with other liberal forces, have made was our withdrawal from the continuing fight for decent laws and against laws that serve to harm and hamper us as a Union and as individuals."

"Despite the fact that such newspapers as the Times and the Herald Tribune stand opposed to much of the current legislative hysteria it would be completely unreasonable to expect our members to be fully aware of the dangers inherent in much that comes before the Congress. I believe that we liberals must re-claim the right to fight. We must not allow ourselves to be stifled for fear of a label, because this is one of the aims and purposes of the advocates of some of the pending Bills. To effectively fulfill our role as citizens and as trade unionists I believe that we must develop a program of education and action

## The Inquiring Photographer

THE QUESTION: What are YOU doing the night of October 14th?

BETTY IMSCHWEILER — 913 Dept.



I'm going to the Union Dance, of course. If I didn't I wouldn't have any friends left. I'm also doing my best to see that everyone I know is at the dance. Supporting our Union Welfare Fund is, in my mind, a very worthy project. In fact, I find it hard to think of a better one. For idealists and practical people alike, here's a chance to do good and have fun.

JOAN SANTORO — Flying Squad

I'm not sure what my plans are right now. I'm only working in the store a month and haven't attended any Union affairs. But I will most probably get my start at the Commodore. It sounds like a wonderful evening and a fine way to get into the Union swing. I'm quite sure I won't have any trouble convincing my boy friend that the dance is the place for us!



JERRY DE MAURIAC — 76 Dept.



Where else could I be but at the Union Dance? I am a firm believer in a strong Union. I also believe that a Union must be concerned with the well-being of its members. When I read that this dance was to be for the benefit of the Welfare Fund I said, "that's for me!" I'll be seeing all my friends there too.

CLARENCE LANMAN — Passenger Elevators

I'll be at the dance. Remember the old song "Saturday Night is the Loneliest Night of the Week"? Well you can bet Saturday October 14th won't be lonely. We're all planning on making this a gay reunion with all our Union friends. From what I hear it's going to be a swell dance and I wouldn't miss it for anything!



SEYMOUR CLARKE — 918 Dept.



At the Union dance. I'll bet it's going to be a gala event. I'm expecting to have a wonderful time. I wasn't at the dance a year ago. From what I heard it was really a hot time. This one will no doubt be cooler, and should be lots better. It sounds like a top-notch evening and I'm getting ready for lots of fun.

that will accurately reflect the true and democratic desires of our members. I hope that we will soon have some expression of their desires in this direction."

## CONGRESSMAN DRIPP

by Yomen



"And the only thing I said was that wages should be frozen."

## Rheumatic Fever

By the Cardiologist of the Associated Physicians' Medical Group

Only recently has the public been made aware of the great prevalence and importance of heart disease, first among the causes of death. Of the many forms of heart disease the most frequent and crippling are those resulting from high blood pressure, from hardening of the arteries of the heart, and from a third condition — rheumatic fever. The last is the greatest cause of cardiac damage among the young age groups, and is responsible for more deaths in children than any other disease. Members of Local 1-S, many of whom have had acquaintance with rheumatic fever, among friends and relatives, or even in themselves, may be interested in a brief discussion of this disease.

Rheumatic fever or inflammatory rheumatism is an illness characterized by pain, swelling, and tenderness of the joints, fever, rapid pulse, and weakness. There is sometimes a skin rash or small lumps or nodules beneath the skin. Rheumatic fever takes place chiefly in the young, but often occurs in older people and occasionally may first begin in middle-age. Though the joints may be extremely tender and swollen, crippling rarely remains after the inflammation clears — unlike some other forms of arthritis or joint disease. The cause of the illness is not known, but it frequently follows infections caused by the hemolytic streptococcus germ, such as a sore throat, tonsillitis, and scarlet fever. Rheumatic fever may be acute, with high temperature and great discomfort, but it is often mild and the patient feels only slightly ill. The disease may last months or even a year or more, and new attacks may occur later. At times, it may resemble grippe and the joints may not be swollen or very noticeably affected. Especially in its milder or unusual forms, the disease may not readily be recognized to be rheumatic fever. Doctors often see persons in their twenties or later with findings

which indicate that they once must have had rheumatic fever, but the patients or their families are not aware that it ever occurred. The chief danger of rheumatic fever lies in the likelihood that it will lead to permanent injury to the heart — particularly to the heart valves. These, as a rule the mitral or aortic or both, which are on the left side of the heart, may become scarred, causing interference with the flow of blood between the chambers (called stenosis), or failure of the valve flaps to fit closely together and hold back the blood in the pumping action of the heart (insufficiency). Signs of impairment of the heart, such as murmurs or enlargement, which are present during active infection, in many cases later diminish, or even disappear and leave the heart normal as far as can be determined.

During rheumatic fever, the treatment consists chiefly of rest in bed, which helps to shorten and lessen the infection and to decrease the work of the heart, protecting it from damage. Aspirin or sodium salicylate is given in large amounts to reduce the fever, slow the pulse, and relieve the joints

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**MEDICAL PLAN** — for the name and address of the doctor nearest you CALL the Union Office — LA 4-9714 or Associated Physicians Medical Group — BU 8-4296 (Night or Day). Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

**BLOOD BANK** — If you need blood from the Blood Bank CALL Elizabeth Hammoned at the Union Office — LA 4-9714.



## Workers Boil . . .

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and vowed not to return until their grievance had been adjusted.

Vice President George Gurian said, "we repeatedly warned the company that they were heading for trouble if they persisted in their efforts to treat lightly any grievance, no matter how small it seemed to them. President Kovenetsky said a long time ago that unity of action would at all times be necessary if we were to continue to win grievance settlements and extend our gains. The action of 12 Department proves his point. We can only hope that management has learned a lesson."

While not completely satisfied with the additional fans their protest won, the people of the department were flexing their muscles and smiling happily over their re-discovered strength. Shop Steward Dorothy Quinlan, worn to a frazzle by both the heat and the strain, said she had always hoped the company would abide by the contract, but when the grievance machinery was so badly short-circuited the people were left with no other way of expressing themselves. They did a good job, in Miss Quinlan's estimation, and the department expects quicker action on its future problems.

## KNOW YOUR ADMINISTRATOR

"1933 was a long time ago," said Sam Levine, "but that's when I came to work as a Saturday only in the receiving department."



"I didn't start working then because I wanted to, but out of plain economic necessity. '33 was a lean year remember?" Sam, along with a lot of other young hopefuls, tried working and going to CCNY at the same time. "It was all right for a while," Sam recalls, "but it was a tough routine and neither my job nor my school work was getting the attention it deserved."

"Even then I had the eating habit," Sam said as he patted his slight paunch, "so I gave up school and started working full time."

Although Local 1-S was born in the Receiving Department Sam recalls that one of the biggest jobs the Union's founders had was convincing the people that a Union could help them win gains from a tough management. Second hardest job was avoiding detection by the "rat squad," or the "two dollar men" as the informers were called. "But there are always lots more honest people than there are phonies, so the Union grew."

"When we signed our first contract," Sam said, "there was lots of excitement. Even though our first gains weren't anything to rave about we all knew that we had taken the first big step towards organizing the whole store."

With the signing of the agreement, Sam became the first Shop Steward for the 16th Floor Receiving Department. "The main thing that kept us hopping was a steady stream of grievances of all kinds. We still have lots of problems," he sighs, "but we have a much stronger Union to deal with them."

Sam Levine was elected Vice President of Local 1-S in 1940. In those days officers were not full



Lillian De Sandis is going to the Welfare Fund Dance. Are you?



Bill Yengle says, "I'm set for a terrific time on the 14th — are you?"



Catherine Brown says, "Meet us at the dance for a wonderful time."

## Swim-Gym 1950 Program on the 18th Bowling League Starts Sept. 19th;

With the Fall season just beginning Local 1-S Athletic Committee Chairman Arthur Daum and Activity Director Charles Auletta have announced the formation of a Local Bowling League in addition to the usual Swim-Gym Program sponsored by the Union.

The Bowling League will sponsor a mixed-team handicap tournament on the alleys of the National

Bowling Recreation Arena at 270 — 8th Avenue, on Tuesday evenings at 8 PM. Members may enter the tourney simply by coming to the Union office and paying their \$1.20 for the first three games or by reporting directly to the Arena at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, September 19th. The scores tallied on the first evening will be the basis for determining teams and team handicaps.

The Union will award a trophy to the winning team and individual prizes will be given the members of the team in addition to prizes for high scorers among both men and women. High series, high average, high game and other prizes will be presented.

Swim-Gym tickets will be available at the Union office on September 18th. Tickets are for the entire eight month season, cost only \$1 and entitle the owner to the use of the Textile High School swimming pool and gymnasium facilities.

For additional information about the Bowling League or the Swim-Gym Program — come to the Union Office.

## Welfare Board . . .

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cial distress. Welfare Board loans are constitutionally limited to \$50 and require no interest payment.

It was the Welfare Board that undertook the big job of preparing a medical plan and then finding a group of well-qualified specialists and doctors who would meet the very strict requirements. Their work was approved by the officers of the Union when, a few weeks ago, official announcement was made that the new medical plan was going into effect.

Welfare Board Chairman Joseph Bucalo said, "the Board is ready to give Union members all forms of assistance. We have already demonstrated the value of the aid and comfort given to hundreds of ill or needy members. We are confident that the membership is going to prove that it's got a great big heart and a desire for fun by making our dance the huge success it deserves to be."

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## Guard Your Rights Members Urged

"All members of Local 1-S and members of their family covered by the Union's Health Plan are entitled to semi-private hospital accommodations," said Vice President Elizabeth Hammond.

Her reminder to the membership followed reports that some Union members had unquestioningly accepted ward assignments upon admission to a hospital. Pointing out that semi-private facilities are not always available when they are needed, Miss Hammond said, "We want to make absolutely certain that none of our members become the victims of discrimination in any form. If anyone protected by the Local 1-S Health Plan is assigned to a ward we would like to know about it immediately so that we can check and make sure that no other accommodations are available. In this way we can also guarantee that everyone will get the maximum benefit from our very wonderful Plan."



Frances Tsakonas says, "I hope to see YOU at the dance. OK?"

## Stewards Ready . . .

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Kovenetsky said, "Our record is almost 100% on fighting and winning the major problems that arise. We strongly suspect that many of the smaller problems are not being called to our attention because people think they are 'not important.' We must realize that every violation of the contract is important. If the company is allowed to get away with the small ones the entire structure of the agreement will be undermined. We must learn to take full advantage of what we already have in addition to planning on how to get more."

"The coming conference should aid us in all our work. That is why the presence of all Stewards is absolutely essential."

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